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NEW POLICY ON MAPS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved a new policy which provides for the release of two series of maps-defence and open;

(b) if so, whether the Government has issued any guidelines for use of these maps by the Ministries/Departments and Defence forces;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this open series maps will be available to the public and private agencies and non-Governmental agencies involved in planning and development of irrigation projects, roads, bridges and hospitals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. The open series maps will be made available to the public/private agencies/non-governmental agencies to carryout planning for all socio-economic developmental activities, conservation of natural resources, disaster mitigation and infrastructure development after a one time clearance from the Ministry of Defence.